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ELECTIONS: LIECHTENSTEIN SUPPORTS U.S. CANDIDATE;

SWITZERLAND HAS DEAL PENDING WITH THIRD PARTY

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LIECHTENSTEIN

11. (SBU) On November 3, Christine Lingg, who covers UN candidacy issues for the Liechtenstein Foreign Office, informed acting POLE counselor that Liechtenstein will support U.S. candidate Lucretia Myers at the upcoming UNGA elections for the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC).

SWITZERLAND

12. (SBU) On November 2, Philippe Flueck, Deputy Head of Section for UN and Other International Organizations (and POC for UN/IO candidacies) at the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA), informed acting POLE counselor that Switzerland has offered its support to a third party, in exchange for support from that party to Switzerland in some other unspecified area. Flueck emphasized that the Swiss decision in the matter was not a reflection of Switzerland's assessment of the U.S. candidate's qualifications. He added that the Swiss Mission to the UN in New York was given authority to pursue the deal with the third party, and that the offer had been made and could not be retracted unless the other party declined, or did not respond before the ICSC elections.

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